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1. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY ORESTOV (JUNE 9) ON THE ONE HAND CONTINUES TO PRASIE PROGRESS ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND TAKES RELAXED VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S ME TRIP. ON OTHER HAND IT WARNS THAT PARTIES INTERSTED IN ME PEACE MUST MOVE WITHOUT DELAY TO DISCUSSION OF KEY QUESTIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND MUST FORCE ISRAEL TO IMPLEMENT ALL UNSC RESOLUTIONS.

2. ORESTOV SUMMARIEZES LAST WEEK'S PROGRESS ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGATEMENT (POW EXCHANGE, SIGNING OF DISENGATEMENT IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENTS, AND FIRST STEPS TOWARD SEPARATION OF FORCES) AS "GREAT SUCCESS FOR FRIENDLY SYRIAN PEOPLE." HOWEVER, SYRIA, OTHER
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ARE STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF MOVEMENT AT GENEVA FROM
DISENGAGEMENT TO CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL SETTLEMENT
WITHOUT DELAY. UNFORTUNATELY, ORESTOV SAYS, THERE
EXISTS DANGER OF DELAYING WORK OF MEPC. ISRAELI
LEADERS, PARTICULARLY NEW PRIME MINISTER, HAVE
STIPULATED THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT PERMIT RETURN TO
PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS AND ARE REJECTING POSSIBILITY
OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES' PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA
CONFERENCE. THESE OUTBURSTS, ORESTOV CONCLUDES, ARE
BEING NOTED, AND THEY REQUIRE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN ME PEACE (A NONE-TOO-
VEILED REFERENCE TO U.S.) TO FORCE ISRAEL TO IMPLEMENT
WITHOUT RESERVATION THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNSC.

3. ON PRESIDENT'S ME TRIP ORESTOV REPEATS PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED ME ITINERARY AND EARLIER REPORT THAT SYRIAN GOVERN-
MENT HAS MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF RESTABLISHMENT OF
SYRIAN-U.S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WITHOUT HINT OF
CONCERN AT EITHER OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, ORESTOV
SAYS WORLD PRESS IS INTERPRETING THESE MOVES AS
U.S. EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB
WORLD. ALL THIS, HE CONCLUDES "IS CHARACTERISTIC OF
ESSENTIAL CHANGES IN ME SITUATION."
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